



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held July 15, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Yolie Flores Aguilar, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council along with Beth Lowe, Commissioner, and Armando Jimenez, Director of Research and Evaluation, representing First 5 L.A., Nancy Au, Executive Director of W.R.A.P. Family Services and Jacquelyn McCroskey, Associate Professor USC School of Social Work, made a presentation to the Board as detailed in the attached Board letter dated July 15, 2003 and Power Point Presentation regarding the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council's request to adopt recommendation for the tracking and measurement of the core set of school readiness indicators.

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe:

"In response to a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky on November 12, 2002, the Children's Planning Council and First 5 L.A. created a School Readiness Indicator Workgroup (Workgroup). The Workgroup defined a core set of school readiness indicators and developed a plan to build consensus around such indicators among key stakeholders. The Workgroup established Countywide goals that reflect the conditions necessary to ensure that young children are ready and eager to learn. In addition, the Workgroup created a plan for gathering available data and established a high priority research agenda to gather critical information regarding the context and condition of early learning.

"The Workgroup's recommendations, as set forth by the Children's Planning Council, provide an opportunity for evaluating school readiness and thereby assisting schools, families, and communities in preparing every child in Los Angeles County for a successful school experience and productive life."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Framework for Tracking and Measurement of the Core Set of School Readiness Indicators (Framework), as recommended by the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council;
2. Requested the New Directions Task Force Departments to:
 - a. Identify current programs that affect the Countywide Goals, as set forth in the Framework, for inclusion in the 2004-05 Children and Families Budget Addendum;
 - b. Develop performance measures for those programs; and
 - c. Identify data sources related to the High Priority Research Agenda;
3. Requested First 5 L.A., in consultation with the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council and other key stakeholders, to initiate work on the High Priority Research Agenda;
4. Requested the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council, in partnership with First 5 L.A. and other key stakeholders, to implement the plan for building Countywide consensus around the Framework; and
5. Requested the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council and the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board every six months, for the next eighteen months, regarding progress in achieving these recommendations.

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Attachments

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
County Counsel
Each Member, New Directions Task Force
Contact, First 5 L.A.

Letter sent to:

Executive Director, Los Angeles County
Children's Planning Council